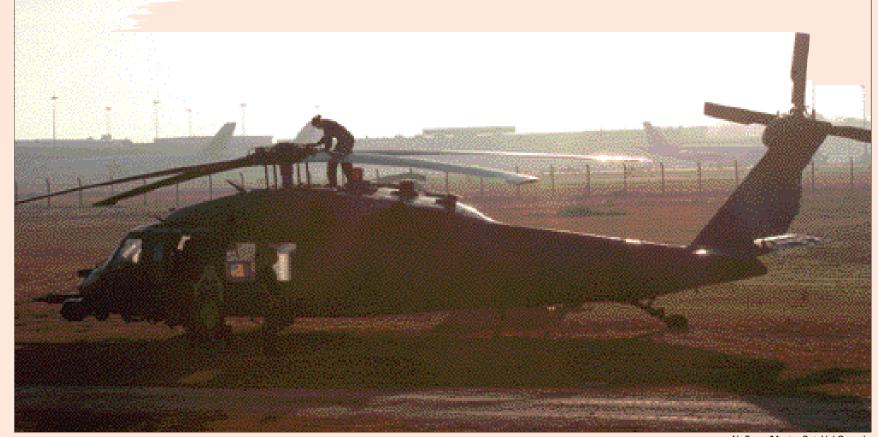


FRIDAY MORNING'S
COMMUNITYBANK
EXCHANGERATES

# **Operation Unified Assistance continues**



Air Force/Master Sgt. Val Gempis

DAMBULA, Sri Lanka -- Airman 1st Class Emily Starcher conducts a pre-flight check of an HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter before an Operation Unified Assistance mission Jan. 12. Turn to pages 6-7 for more photos and a story highlighting the 33rd Rescue Squadron's role in the relief mission.

# 353rd SOG wraps up tsunami aid mission

**By Master Sgt. Michael Farris** 353rd Special Operations Group Public Affairs

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — Airmen from the 353rd Special Operations Group at Kadena Air Base, Japan, are going home. Almost a month after a monster earthquake and killer tsunamis claimed untold thousands of lives, the Airmen's quick-reaction work here is complete as conventional Air Force units have arrived.

The MC-130 Combat Shadows and Combat Talons have flown nearly 1 million pounds of cargo and more than 600 disaster relief workers into the most devastated region of the hardest-hit nation. The group's special operations capabilities enabled the Air Force to respond immediately.

Three days after the quake, four MC-130s took up residence at the international airport in Bangkok. As Combined Support Force officials drafted policy and objectives, the group's Airmen flew relief into Phuket, Krabi, Raynong and other cities on Thailand's west coast.

In those critical initial days, more than 117 tons of vital supplies were flown south along with 155 aid workers. Equally important were 32 critically injured patients who were flown to Bangkok's state-of-the-art hospitals for emergency surgeries and care unavailable in the ravaged south.

American military leaders rank-ordered the precedence of need, and exactly one week after the catastrophe, two MC-130s flew from Kadena to Langkawi, Malaysia. They carried an advance team to receive the



Digitally altered Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Michael Farris An 17th Special Operations Squadron Airman (left) talks with a ramp leader in Medan, Indonesia, Saturday.

four from Bangkok — arriving only three hours later. The geographic significance of Langkawi is its proximity to Banda Aceh — one hour by air — and its relative good fortune in avoiding the tsunamis' wrath.

The tsunamis devastated Indonesia, leveling entire cities. More than 157,000 people are confirmed dead, and thousands more are missing. The scale of devastation was daunting as Sumatra was unable to sidestep the brunt of destructive waves.

The status of local airfields was uncertain, but SOG combat controllers made rapid airfield surveys and gave thumbs-up. Hours later, the first aid arrived. Relief flights were delayed the second night when a wayward water buffalo strayed onto the runway and was struck by a commercial 737 after touchdown.

Another limiting factor at Banda Aceh is size. Much like the Berlin Airlift nearly half a century ago, aircraft here are held to tightly regimented schedules. The airfield is very small and only a few cargo planes can maneuver on the ramp at a time. Military air lifters and aid agencies from around the globe queued to have their precious deliveries unloaded by forklift operators whose experience is unmatched. Most planes left engines running to hasten their departure, but that increased commotion on the ramp.

A subsequent priority of Air Force planners was to find a secondary airfield to relieve congestion. Within days, combat controllers determined Maimun Saleh, an airfield on Sabang Island, north of the Sumatran mainland, was ready to receive flights.

Based out of Malaysia, the Airmen first flew into Medan, or Jakarta, Indonesia, where they loaded up with medicine, blankets, tarps and food for Banda Aceh or Maimun Saleh.

On Jan. 14, the Airmen of the 17th Special Operations Squadron flew a dozen French aid workers and their equipment into Banda Aceh. Only after these Airmen completed their jobs could the rebuilding begin.

The primary concern of U.S. forces here continues to be preventing further loss of life and human suffering, and to enable regional forces to conduct sustained disaster management efforts, officials said.

The group's Airmen have accomplished their first-responder mission and must now give way to the Air Force's workhorse airlifters, said Col. Norman Brozenick, 353rd SOG commander.

# Kadena applauded for dedication

18th Medical Operations Squadron

We all have defining moments in our career.

For me and perhaps many of us, it was a deployment. My first deployment was in January of 2003. Having been in the military more than 22 years at that point, I thought I was ready.

I knew my time was coming.

Since the Air Expeditionary Force policy had been in place for several years, I thought I would have ample time to prepare myself and my family for the 90 days I would be away from home. Nothing could have been further from the truth.

On December 31, 2002, I received a call to deploy a 25-bed hospital package to Kuwait...within 48 hours. Of course we didn't have desert uniforms, bags, or anything else ready because most of us had just arrived on station. What I witnessed over the

New Year's Day, approximately 125 personnel were visiting every office on base to get out of town. Everywhere we were met by dedicated Airmen. Each person was eager to help. had a smile on their face. Not one complained about working on the holiday. I was deeply moved, and to this day, remain impressed with their attitude.

We managed to get ready on time, but didn't leave for another week. Every day we were notified of a possible flight, but each one was cancelled. Once we started traveling, it took us more than two days to get "in country." Although it was a trying time, the attitude and morale of everyone involved remained high and we eventually completed the mission.

Most of us have been told that we work with the best, most highly motivated people in the world. I can tell you from first-hand experience this is

same faces as I did in Kuwait, the attitude of the Airmen here is the same. I've been impressed with the men and women of Team Kadena.

This is by far the busiest place I have ever been. The operations tempo is high, people deploy, and we also have frequent exercises to hone our skills.

But it does not stop there. This year is starting off to be just as busy, if not busier than the last. Over the holidays, disaster struck our neighboring countries to the south. Once again, the men and women of the U.S. Air Force displayed a caring attitude responding in a manner we can all be proud of. Looking back on my defining moment and this assignment, I find one thing common...the Airmen. You make the difference every day. I am proud to be a member of Team Kadena and to stand beside you as a member of the U.S. Air Force.

# Don't drink and drive

Security Forces arrested 10 Kadena Airmen over the holidays for drinking and driving. Of the 10 Airmen arrested, three were from the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, two from the 18th Security Forces, one from the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron, one from the 353rd Maintenance Squadron, one from the 18th Component Maintenance Squadron, one from the 33rd Rescue Squadron and one from the 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. More details of the arrests and punishments will be included in upcoming editions of the Kadena Shogun Newspaper.

# **ACTION LINES**



The 18th Wing is very interested in ideas that can make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play. If you have a concern that you have been unable to resolve through normal chains of command, then we'll look into it. Although not required, it's better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agencies with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first. When that fails, send us an e-mail. Include your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you, and a brief summary of your concern.

\* Editor's note. While Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas is deployed sup-porting Tsunami relief operations, Col. Richard Zink, the 18th Wing vice commander, is answering all Hotline questions.

# Mediatti service complaint

I recently inquired with the Mediatti Cable Company about crediting customer accounts for the service we did not receive for two days.

I spoke with Mediatti's accountant, who informed me that although they were unable to provide service to their customer's for two days last month, they will not credit anyone for those two days. She continued to explain that it was not Mediatti's fault that cable was not provided, because the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron did not provide us with electricity.

I am a little baffled by this. In the United States, if the cable company was unable to provide a service to their customers, regardless of the reason, they would credit the customers first.

Mediatti then informed me to file a complaint on ICE regarding CE and their lack of electricity. I informed her that I would like to make a complaint against Mediatti. When I asked how to make a complaint against them, I was told to go to the ICE Web site to launch a complaint. When I went to the ICE Web site, Mediatti's site was no where to be found. I emailed the site administrator to ask where to find it and found out that they were asked to remove Mediatti from the

Not only did I already have a complaint

regarding Mediatti, but when I questioned where to lodge the complaint they directed me to a Web site that they asked to be removed from. Paying for a service that you don't receive, then being unable to lodge a complaint is unacceptable.

In accordance with the Mediatti Franchise agreement, customers can request rebates for interruptions in service if certain criteria is met. For example, "In the event that service to any subscriber is interrupted, for any reason, for more than 12 hours in any 24-hour period, or 72 hours in any 30 day period, such subscriber shall receive a pro rata rebate for such interruption on the subscriber's next bill. This provision shall not apply to any interruption, which is caused solely by a failure of any equipment at the subscriber's premises, which is not installed or otherwise furnished by the franchisee.

The service interruptions that affected you were less than 12 hours long and both were caused by power outages, which is out of Mediatti's scope of control. Mediatti has and will continue to issue rebates and free installs to customers that have experienced problems with the services they control. You have a good point regarding ICE, but Mediatti is not obligated per the franchise agreement to use this service. However, in order to provide better service Mediatti has agreed to use the ICE Web site as a means of receiving and responding to customer complaints.



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# SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Staff Sgt. Dean M. Piatz

733rd Air Mobility Squadron facility manager

Hometown: Rugby, N.D.

Reason for nomination: Sergeant Piatz recently helped design a much needed \$1.4 million renovation project for the outbound terminal and created a first-class business center with free internet access for transient passengers.

Time at Kadena: 1 year, 6 months

Editor's note: Shogun Warriors are selected by unit leaders for their outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the Kadena mission. To nominate someone, send the name of your nominee to your unit commander or senior enlisted leaders.



# ADENA AIN BASE, JAPAN - JAN.

Y O U R B R I E F C O M M U N I T Y

NEWS BRIEFS



DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE: Did you know-About 12 ounces of beer, 5 ounces of wine, and 1.5 ounces of an 80-proof

spirit all contain the same amount of alcohol.

**ENERGY CONSERVATION TIP:** Make sure foods are covered before placing them in the refrigerator. Otherwise moisture evaporates, making the refrigerator use more energy.

**GATE CLOSURE:** In February, Gate 1 will close and Gate 4 will open to all traffic.

### TSUNAMI RELIEF EFFORT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT:

The Services Airmen's Council and Booster club are holding a basketball tournament Jan. 22 starting at 9 a.m. at the Risner Fitness Center.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** The Camp Lester U.S. Naval Hospital will hold blood drives Jan. 25 from 8 a.m. to noon at the 377th Training Squadron, Bldg. 93, and Jan. 28 from 8 a.m. to noon at the 18th Medical Group clinic. Contact Tracy Parmer at 643-7710 for more information.

NOISES OFF: The Pacific Okinawa Players will present the play "Noises Off" Jan. 27 to Feb. 5 at the Foster Community Center Performing Arts Auditorium. Performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. with matinees on Jan. 29 and Feb. 5 at 3 p.m. For more details, or to

**AMC gets ATM** 



Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister

Senior Airman LaShandra L. Johnson, Det. 3, 25th Information Operations Squadron, uses the new Community Bank ATM installed at the Air Mobility Command Passenger Terminal before boarding her flight Saturday. Airman Johnson said she was glad to know the terminal finally received an ATM and added "it was a long awaited necessity."

reserve tickets, email pops\_vp@hot-mail.com

KADENATAX CENTER: The Tax Center will open at 9 a.m. Jan. 31 in Bldg. 1460, behind the Eagle Hardware store. Assistance with filing taxes is available to all active duty military mem-

bers, DOD civilians, eligible retirees and their families. Appointments are not being accepted at this time. Call 634-7418 for further information.

**LORE BRIEFINGS:** Scheduled briefings for the upcoming exercise will be held at the Keystone Theater Feb. 8, 10, and

11 at 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

**ESTATE CLAIMS:** Anyone with claims against the estate of Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Shelton, please contact 1st Lt. Tyeshia King at 634-3322 or e-mail at tyeshia.king@kadena.af.mil

**SPOUSES CLUB:** The Kadena Officers' Spouses' Club Scholarship applications are now available at the guidance offices at Kadena and Kubasaki high schools, the KOSC Gift Corner, the education office and the Kadena Library. Deadline for applications is March 31 and entries must be submitted by mail. Contact Stephanie Rosenfeld at 633-6705 for more information.

**CONSTRUCTION:** A construction project in the O'Donnell Gardens housing area will affect traffic until March 31. Civil engineer officials advise residents to plan accordingly.

**RECALL OF SWIFFERS:** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is recalling the Sweep plus Vac battery-operated vacuum cleaner by Swiffer. The vacuum stands about 4-feet-tall and has a green base and silver pole with the name "Swiffer" in white letters across the front of the base. The product was sold at AAFES stores from September 2004 through November 2004. Customers should return the product to AAFES for a full refund.



# SDOTT TOUTS

Congratulations to the following individuals selected for promotion to Maior:

Erica J. Griffin, 18th Medical Group; Cecili K. Sessions, 18th Medical Group; Paul R. Connolly, 18th Wing; Brenda J. Wilson, 18th Operations Group

Congratulations to the following individuals selected for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel:

John W. Kersey, Jr., 18th Medical Group; Catherine Bobenrieth, 18th Medical Group; Daniel B. Bruzzini, 18th Medical Group; Thomas Huang, 18th Medical Group

Congratulations to the 18th Mainte - nance Group, who captured the 2004 Clements McMullen Memorial Daedalian Weapon System Maintenance Trophy for the best MXG in PACAF.

Congratulations to **Staff Sgt. Jeanna Rogers** of the *18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron*, who was selected as the Pacific Air Forces resource advisor of the year.

The following individuals from Kadena were selected for the Air Force Intern Program:

Capt. Mike Anderson, 18th Operations Group; Capt. Kenneth Daniels, 320th Special Tactics Squadron

Congratulations to the following Lieutenant Colonel Senior Developmental Education Selectees:

Stephen W. Korns, 18th Communications Squadron; John D. Bird II, 44th Fighter Squadron; Keith A. Swensen, 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron; Billy D. Thompson, 33rd Rescue Squadron; Joseph M. Hastings, 353rd Special Operations Squadron; Billy Thompson, 33rd Rescue Squadron

Congratulations to the following Major Intermediate Developmental Education Selectees:

Joselito C. Meneses, 18th AES; Robert T. Tibbets, 18th Wing; Jessica Baker, 623rd ACS; Eric Espino, 353rd SOG; David Glass, 353rd MXS; Hamilton Howard, 44th FS; Brian Quillen, DET 3 Aerospace Fuels Laboratory:

Congratulations to the following for the 2004 Pacific Air Forces Mission Support Award:

- Outstanding Personnel Manager: 1st Lt. Tammy M. Foster, 18th Communications Squadron; Master Sgt. Curtis Green, 18th Communications Squadron
- Military Equal Opportunity Office Award:
   18th Wing Military Equal Opportuni
- Nathan Altschuler Award for Excellence in Educational Pro-
- 18th Mission Support Squadron Education Office
- Education and Training Manager of the Year:
- **Staff Sgt. Lisa L. Frederick**, 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron
- Enlisted Professional Military Education Award:

Basic Pay - Effective Jan. 1, 2005															
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0-5	1,759.60	1,877.10	1,967.70	2,060.70	2,206.30	2,329.80	2,421.60	2,460.70	2,460.70	2,450.70	2,450.70	2,450.70	2,450.70	2,450.70	2,450.70
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\*Editors note: Above are the basic pay rates that should be listed on this month's Leave and Earning Statement. If your LES doesn't reflect these rates, visit the 18th Comptroller Squadron customer service desk at Building 721.

# F-15 accident investigation released

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii – The U.S. Air Force released findings Tuesday of the accident investigation board investigating the cause of an F-15C aircraft mishap that occurred Oct. 4 off the coast of Okinawa, Japan. Two aircraft temporarily assigned to the 12th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, Kadena, collided in mid-air during a training mission.

After a thorough and comprehensive investigation, the Accident Investigation Board concluded that the cause of the mishap was aircrew error. Specifically, one of the two pilots involved failed to maintain the flight formation that had been briefed prior to take-off. The board also concluded that errors in the pilots' judgment were a contributing factor.

The mishap took place over open sea approximately 100 nautical miles south of Okinawa. The two aircraft involved

formed half of a four-ship formation on a regularly scheduled training mission. During the flight, one of the involved F-15Cs banked slightly in the direction of the second F-15C, creating closure that was not recognized by either pilot.

The first F-15C flying into the flight path of the second F-15C eventually led the left wingtip and horizontal stabilizer of the first aircraft to impact the left and right vertical stabilizers of the second aircraft. Both aircraft were damaged in the collision, but neither pilot was injured, and both aircraft returned to Kadena safely.

An Accident Investigation Board convened to review the mishap and determine its cause. The Board President was a senior-rated pilot, and the other team members included experts in maintenance, flight medicine, military law and flight safety.

# **Secretary Roche retires**

By Staff Sgt. April Lapetoda 89th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. — Airmen, along with servicemembers from more than 14 nations, bid farewell to the 20th Secretary of the Air Force here Jan. 18.

Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz presented Air Force Secretary Dr. James G. Roche the Department of Defense award for distinguished public service upon his retirement. His wife, Diane, was recognized with the exceptional civilian service award.

Flanked by Airmen with an F/A-22 Raptor in the background, Air Force Chief of staff Gen. John P. Jumper was the host of the event and spoke on changes the Air Force has seen under the direction of Secretary Roche. He said the secretary's personal touch affected each Airman's life.

"(Secretary Roche will be remembered for) all he has done for them, for our Air Force and for our nation," the general said.

Mr. Wolfowitz presided over the ceremony and hailed the secretary for his "out of the box" thinking, using the Air Force in a new combat role with the Army and for instilling unique improvements in education for enlisted Airmen.

The secretary was appointed in 2001 and has been responsible for the



Air Force/Larry McTight

Air Force Secretary Dr. James Roche is escorted through a pass-and-review of the troops during his retirement ceremony Tuesday.

affairs of the Department of the Air Force, including the organizing, training, equipping, and providing for the welfare of its nearly 370,000 Airmen on active duty, 180,000 Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Airmen, 160,000 civilians and their families.



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# Reporting suspicious activity

# Compiled by Office of Special Investigations

No matter how well trained and vigilant they are, law enforcement and security officials simply cannot be everywhere. Your eyes and ears, and those of your friends and family, can be of enormous help in preventing terrorism. After all, you know best what activities do -- or do not -- belong in and around your base, neighborhood and community.

To enlist your help in preventing terrorism, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) manages the Eagle Eyes program. Eagle Eyes puts you on the anti-terrorism team by providing the information you need to recognize and report suspicious behav-

Your inputs -- which you can submit 24 hours a day -- are immediately shared with appropriate law enforcement agencies and military commanders for rapid assessment and investigation as necessary.

Everyone is encouraged to remain vigilant and immediately report any suspicious activities that may threaten the numerous resources and personnel on base.

You and your family are encouraged to stay alert to your surroundings, whether on base or off, at home or elsewhere. Be on the lookout for suspicious activities like those described below:

# Surveillance

Someone recording or monitoring

activities, including the use of camera, note taking, drawing diagrams, writing on maps, or using binoculars or any

other vision-enhancing device. When someone begins photographing areas, such as fence lines or permanent barrier systems and guard shacks, do not hesitate to report the information.

# **Elicitation**

Anyone or any organization attempting to gain information by mail, fax, telephone, or in person about military operations or people. It is expected that you may be asked questions, but when those questions begin drifting to sensitive subjects,

such as military capabilities, responses, vulnerabilities or specific unit information, however, please do not hesitate to report the information.

# **Tests of Security**

Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures. Security Forces are charged with protecting the perimeter of the installation, but they cannot be everywhere. We encourage everyone to be aware of the proper entry requirements onto Kadena and to report anyone cir-

cumventing the procedures such as jumping the fence, or hiding in trunks or vehicles.

# Acquiring supplies

Purchasing or stealing explo-sives, weapons, ammunition, uniforms, decals, flight manuals, passes or badges (or the equipment to manufacture them), or any other controlled item. An ID card can be a great tool for someone with ill intent toward an installation to

have almost unfettered access to the base and most of its facilities. Couple that with a restricted line badge and someone will be able to go wherever they want on Kadena. Several vehicles have been broken into off base, and wallets, IDs, line badges and sensitive operating instructions were taken. In almost every case, the vehicles had been left unlocked. It is understandable with the low crime rate on Okinawa, but if you choose to leave your doors unlocked, do the smart thing and take out any sensitive material, to include your D card.

# Suspicious people

People who don't seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment, etc. This includes suspicious border crossings, stowaways aboard ship, or people jumping ship

# Dry run

Putting people into position and moving them about without actually committing a terrorist act. An element of this activity could also include mapping out routes and determining the timing of traffic routes and traffic flow. This is a dress rehearsal for an attack. If you witness any of the above indicators, please do not hesitate to report it immediately; this is one of the last chances to stop a terrorist act.

# Deploying assets

People and supplies being put into position to commit the act. This is the last opportunity to alert authorities before terrorism occurs. If you witness the deploying of assets, which will mimic the dry runs practiced over a short timeframe prior, you only have minutes to alert security forces. With your early intervention, we will be able to prevent any threat before it reaches this stage.

To report suspicious activities on Kadena, call the 18th Security Forces Squadron, Law Enforcement Desk at



# THE ONLY HOLE YOU CAN'T DIG OUT OF

CALL YOUR BASE CHAPLAIN, LIFE SKILLS COUNSELORS, OR THE PEOPLE AT 1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433) IF YOU - OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW -ARE THINKING ABOUT SUICIDE.

IS ABOUT SIX FEET DEEP ...

ONE SUICIDE IS ONE TOO MANY

# **DOD** official approves expanded use of flu vaccine

By Gerry J. Gilmore American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — As part of national efforts to protect more people against the flu, the Defense Department's top health official authorized the use of military flu vaccine previously held in reserve Jan. 14.

Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr. signed a memorandum directing the expanded use of stored flu shot serum for servicemembers and other eligible recipients such as family members and military retirees. This policy change allows the services to use flu shots for non-high risk persons, including activeduty, while continuing their aggressive efforts to get high-risk beneficiaries vaccinated.

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. About 36,000 Americans die from the flu each vear.

DOD now has about 500,000 doses of the vaccine in storage, officials said.

A major vaccine provider to the United States had announced in October that its vaccine was defective. DOD officials then directed that servicemembers being deployed overseas and other eligible recipients at potential high risk to the flu, including seniors and the very young, receive priority to get flu vaccinations.

Vaccination against the flu remains

mandatory "for servicemembers whose command has vaccine available to them," officials said.

Yet, a relatively benign flu season thus far and sparse turnouts for vaccination by those at high risk to the flu seem to have mitigated an expected vaccine shortage.

Many in high-risk groups seem to have chosen not to obtain a flu vaccine this year. "They saw news accounts of long lines and felt it wasn't worth the hassle," a DOD official said. Consequently, DOD "still has a lot of flu vaccine.

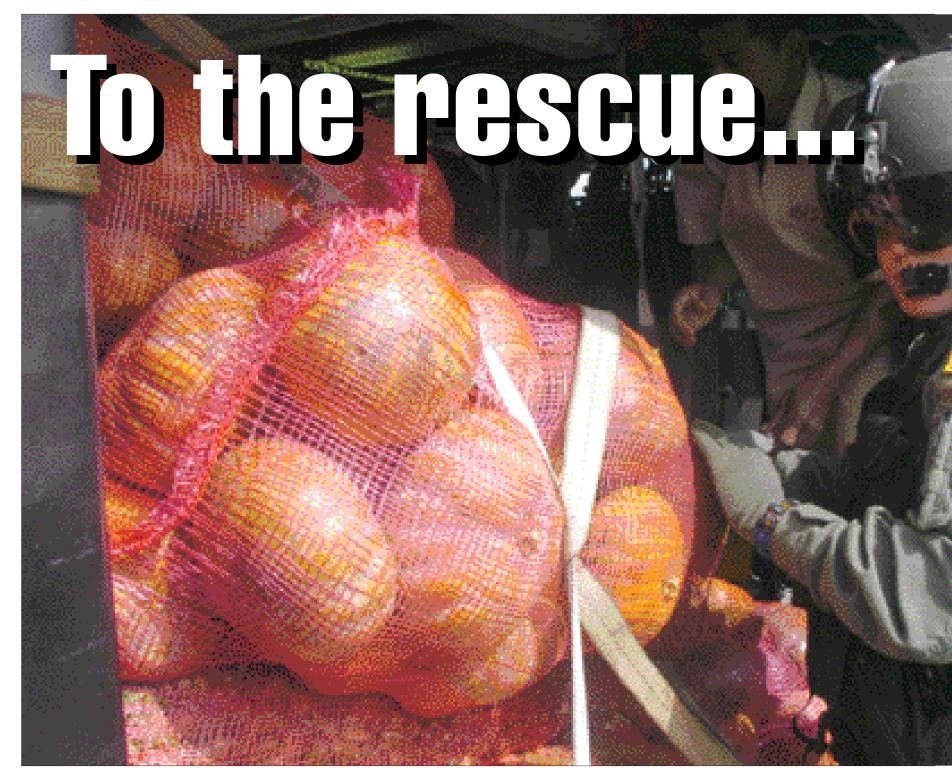
DOD will dispense this year's stored flu vaccine rather than letting it go to waste. Flu vaccines are developed to target specific virus strains expected only for that particular season. This year's flu season is expected to peak sometime in February, officials said.

Vaccination against the flu "is the best way to protect yourself and your family from influenza," said Dr. Julie Gerberding, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention director.

Dr. Gerberding said that "late-season vaccination is effective" against the flu. She urged unvaccinated people at risk to try once again to obtain a shot.

Editor's Note: Flu shots are now being offered to everyone at the Camp Lester U.S. Naval Hospital from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.





Airman 1st Class Emily Starcher, 33rd Rescue Squadron flight engineer, helps Sri Lankan relief workers unload boxes of vegetables from an HH-60G Pave Hawk helica tance mission in Dambula, Sri Lanka, Jan. 12.





Air Force/Master Sgt. Val Gempis

LOADING UP: Staff Sgt. Kevin Stewart, a 33rd RQS aerial gunner helps Sri Lankans load sacks of sleeping mats inside aircraft during relief operations in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Jan. 15. A DIFFERENT VIEW: Senior Airman Matt Morrow, a 33rd RQS aerial gunner scans the Sri Lankan horizon during tsunami relief operations Jan. 15.



**Airman Cory Lee** windshield on an



Air Force/Master Sgt. Val Gempis Juring an Operation Unified Assis-

# 33rd RQS continues relief mission

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake 18th Wing Public Affairs

After more than two weeks deployed to Sri Lanka, members of the 33rd Rescue Squadron continue to help save lives.

Since the unit first arrived to the small island nation off the southeastern coast of India Jan. 3, they have helped deliver more than 40,000 pounds of supplies to thousands of local residents displaced by the deadly tsunami.

"The operation is going smoothly thus far," explained Lt. Col. Billy Thompson, 33rd RQS commander. "We quickly got our operations up and running and have been able to support 100 percent of our requested taskings."

Colonel Thompson said the 135 Airmen deployed from his unit are working 12hour shifts - not including the 90-minute bus ride from their hotel downtown to an air base in Katunavake.

Colonel Thompson said working conditions at the air base are much different than back home at Kadena.

'The work area is austere," he said. "We're conducting operations out of an abandoned building adjacent to our aircraft parking area. The facility has no air conditioning and the windows have no screens.'

With temperatures averaging 90 degrees and the humidity typically between 80 and 90 percent, Colonel Thompson said his troops have their work cut out for them.

The colonel also said it took a little time for his pararescuemen to get used to the smell of death while delivering supplies to devastated areas.

In spite of the challenges, Tech. Sgt. Keith Kolb, a 33rd Rescue Squadron aerial gunner, said he's honored to help the people of Sri Lanka.

"They want to shake your hand and say

thank you," he explained. "When we landed in a zone near Ampara a young boy kept trying to get close to the aircraft. I saw a look of hopelessness in his eyes, but when I walked up to him he grabbed my hand and kissed the back of it.

The aircrews have also gotten used to drinking tea.

"The local population tends to bring tea out to the aircraft every time we shutdown," Sergeant Kolb explained. "It seems that they want to make sure we enjoy it despite the circumstances."

The 33rd Rescue Squadron is just one of many units throughout Pacific Air Force Command deployed in support of Operation Unified Assistance which began shortly after the tsunami hit Dec. 26.

According to most recent media reports, more than 29,000 Sri Lankans were killed and another 100,000 were left homeless when the tsunami swept over the island's eastern coastline.



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Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Landers, and Staff Sgt. Jesse Meno prepare to install a Pave Hawk helicopter at Katunayaka Air Base, Sri Lanka, Jan. 11.



Air Force/Master Sqt. Val Gempis

SECURITY: Sri Lankan airman Csijesundara Wiomsi provides security for HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopters from the 33rd Rescue Squadron.

MISSION COMPLETE: Members of the 33rd RQS return back to their base after successfully delivering relief supplies to Sri Lankans.

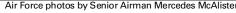
# The Okinawa Perspective

# **Compiled from** staff reports

The following is a synop sis of articles that appeared recently in Japanese news papers.

- ☐ A Kadena Airmen was arrested for a hit and run Jan. 15. According to police officials, she hit a motorcyclist waiting at a red light. The Airmen admitted the incident to Okinawa Police Station officials.
- ☐ Defense Agency Chief Yoshinori Ono visited Marine Corps Air Station Futenma and its relocation site during a two-day visit to Okinawa earlier this week. The defense minister endorsed the current plan to relocate MCAS Futenma to Henoko.
- ☐ The Okinawa Committee of the Japan Communist Party visited the Naha Defense Facility Administration Board this week to request the immediate withdrawl of the Kadena Silver Flag training site at Kadena in addition to canceling training.
- ☐ Okinawa's reputation as the place where people live longer than anyone else in the world came to an end last week after the prefecture's Total Health Union reported that Okinawa had fallen to 27th out Japan's 49 prefectures for longevity. Officials cite modern lifestyle and poor eating habits as the cause.
- ☐ The first and largest university entrance examination was held at Okinawa universities last weekend. Throughout Japan, more than 500,000 students tested for a chance to attend college.
- ☐ Okinawa police arrested Ashley Miller last week for allegedly pushing Henry Ball down the stairs of a bar outside Kadena's Gate 2 Dec. 11. Ball, a MCCS employee, is survived by his wife, a civilian employee at Kadena, and his children.





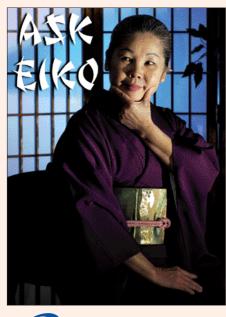




# More Muuchi please!

GETTINGINTOTHE MIX: Participants in a cooking class at the Okinawa City Working Women's Community Center mix rice and pumpkin powder together to make Muuchi, a traditional Okinawan treat during an exchange with the Okinawa City Friendship Council Jan. 12. Fourteen Kadena participants learned how to make a decoration out of the sticky food, which is said to help ward off evil spirits.

WRAPPINGIT UP: Sue Bolbecker wraps her rice cake in a Kasa leaf before cooking it in a steamer. The volunteers tied off the Kasa leaves with colored ribbons to indicate which flavor rice cake was inside (left). The volunteers steamed cocoa, pumpkin, brown sugar, purple sweet potato and coffee bean rice cakes.



"Ask Eiko" is a forum for readers to ask Japanese cul tural questions to Kadena's family support center's cultur al awareness expert, Eiko Ishikawa. To submit a ques tion, send an emailask.eiko kade na.af.mil.

Is it rude to call our office clean-"mama-san?"

Although it has become common within the military community to do so, technically speaking, housekeepers, janitors, maids, waitresses, and the like should not be referred to, nor addressed, as mama-san

In researching the origin of the phrase, I was not able to determine exactly when the term "mama" entered the Japanese language. It is probable that it came into Japan via the Portuguese, who were the first "Westerners" to

enter Japan in the mid-1500s. When they arrived, we already had a practice of referring to the female owners of the forerunners of the Geisha Houses as "O-Ka-San" (honorable mother). Younger trainees, in less formal times, referred to the owner as "Ha-Ha" or "Ha-Ha-San" (mom or mother). Eventually, guests also began to refer to the owner as O-Ka-San. When Tokugawa Ieyasu, the first Tokugawa Shogun, formalized the Geisha profession into its own guild hall, the O-Ka-San title became part of the formal structure of the

Since "mother" was a commonly used title and term of address for these owners, it is probable that the term "Mama-San" was first applied by foreigners. Over the years, especially during the Meiji period (1868-1912) when there was a rush by Japanese to embrace western ideas, the term "Mama-san" became the informal title for the owners of Geisha houses, bars, and Japanese Inns (Ryo-kan). As more and more "snack bars" opened, the term also was applied to not only the owners, but also to the senior hostess.

After World War II, soldiers in Japan began to use the term beyond these settings, and eventually it spread to become the informal title for females in many occupations. One of my research sources noted that "mama-san" was also used as part of military vocabulary in Korea, the Philippines, and Vietnam and probably in other Asian countries where military members visit or are stationed.

Some people consider it rude to use the term "Mama-san" to call or address anyone other than those females in the traditional food, beverage, and entertainment professions and even then only in the work setting itself. I certainly do not like to be referred to as Mama-San - not only because I am not your mother, but also because it is not technically or culturally correct. From a cultural sensitivity perspective, it is much more proper - and definitely more polite - to learn and use the person's name.

WEEKLY GUIDE FOR LIFE IN OKINAWA AFTER WORK

SHOGUN

RIGHT HAND PERSONS DAY: Bring your spouse or co-worker (your right hand person) to the Officers Club from 5 to 7 p.m. as a way to say "thank you" for all they do.

GROUP TENNIS LESSONS: Kadena Tennis Center offers lessons for all levels of play for anyone ages five or older. Adults \$35, children \$30 for four one-hour lessons. Call 634-0895 or 634-3187 for more information.

KUMON MATH: Children ages 5 to 18 can learn to excel in math and develop superior study habits from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

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front desk to enroll your child(ren) in this program. Call 634-3663.

VIRUS FRIDAZE: Enjoy Top 40 Virus at Banyan Tree Club from 10 p.m. until clos-

BACK THAT FRIDAY UP PARTY: All best from the 80's and 90's at the Rocker O Club Lounge from 9 p.m. until closing.

NIGHT OWL BINGO: Play bingo at the

Rocker NCO Club. Card sales begin at 9:30, play starts at 10:30 p.m.

# Saturday

MOTOBU CHERRY BLOSSOM FES-TIVAL TOUR: Call ITT for more inform

HIP-HOP DANCE: Dance the night HIP-HOP DANCE: Dance the night away at the Teen Center from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Cost is \$4 for members and \$5 for nonmembers, with members receiving a \$1 discount for showing their Teen Center card. For more information call 634-3866.

HANDMADE CRAFTS FAIR: Come see what great island crafters have made for you

what great island crafters have made for you to include wood shelves, baskets, candles, bath and body products and more at the Schilling Community Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendor tables are available for \$10. Call 634-1387

TABLETOP WARRIORS CLUB: Join the Schilling Community Center for great tabletop gaming from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

BATTLE OF OKINAWA TOUR: Call

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ITT for more information at 634-4322.
SAX, FLUTE, CLARINET LESSONS:
One-hour sessions from 7 a.m. to noon at the Schilling Community Center for ages 5 and up.

HONKY TONK TOUR: Catch Nate Pearce and Floyd VanLaningham live at their free Pacific Honky Tonk Tour from 9 to 11 p.m. at the NCO Club Ballroom. Open to all ranks

services. Adults only.

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CLASS: From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Schilling
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ROCKER JAMBOREE: All the best in
yesterday's and today's music from 8 p.m. to 2
a.m. in the Rocker NCO Club ballroom. Fea-

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ROCKER MUSIC MIXER: Enjoy Top 40 variety dance hits from the 80's to the present at the Rocker NCO Club Lounge from 9 p.m. until closing.

# Sunday

RELAXING DAY AT HOTEL NIKKO
ALIVILA TOUR: Call ITT for more information of the call to the

FAMILY DAY: Games are \$1 each for parents and children that bowl together at Emery Lanes from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. A three

e limit may apply.
YUI MONORAIL AND KOKUSAI STREET: Call ITT for 634-4322

# Monday

0 V I E should call Keystone Theater at 634-1869 or Butler at 645-3465 to verify movie titles, showtimes and

Keystone Theater

Meet the Fockers, *PG-13*, 6 p.m. Bridget Jones, *R*, 9 p.m. Alexander, *R*, noon Meet the Fockers, *PG-13*, 4 p.m. Bridget Jones, *R*, 7 p.m. Alexander, *R*, noon Meet the Fockers, *PG-13*, 4 p.m. Bridget Jones, *R*, 7 p.m. Bridget Jones, *R*, 7 p.m.

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A Saturday.... The Incredibles, PG, 1 p.m. Lemony Snicket's, PG, 4 p.m. Bridget Jones, R, 7 p.m. Alexander, R, 10 p.m.

A Sunday..... Napolean Dynamite, PG, 1 p.m. The Incredibles, PG, 4 p.m. Bridget Jones, R, 7 p.m.

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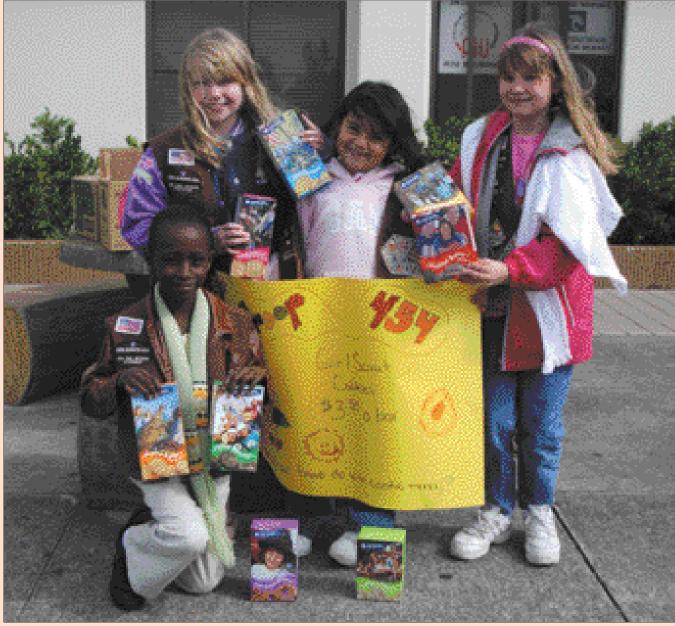
Thursday.... Racing Stripes, PG, 7 p.m.

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ASHIMINE CHILDREN'S HOME: Be a volunteer and join the Teen Center Keystone Club and the Youth Center's Torch Club, where you'll interact with the Japanese youth. Activities may include playing games, arts and

You can't resist the cookies...



Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister

(Clockwise from bottom left) Dominique Addison, 7, Megan Wells, 8, Megan Mackie, 7, and Dakota Ratermann, 8, sell Girl Scout cookies in front of the Kadena USO Saturday. The girls are part of Girl Scout troop 454. Though Saturday was the official start to the Girl Scout cookie sale, every year Girl Scouts can be seen going door-to-door, or selling cookies at the Base Exchange and Kadena USO to support troop activities.

crafts, singing songs and simple English lessons at 5:30 p.m. Call **634-3866** for more

information.

GROUP TENNIS LESSONS: Kadena
Tennis Center offers lessons for all levels of play for anyone ages five or older. Adults \$35, children \$30 for four one-hour lessons. Call 634-0695 or 634-3157 for more information.

MAKING MEMORIES: Get together

MAKING MEMORIES: Get together with friends at the Youth Center Master Minds room from 4 to 5 p.m., where staff will help you create a 2005 frame. Pictures will be taken so you'll have a photo to put in it. Open to Youth Center members ages 6 to 12.

JAPANESE CONVERSATION: Adults can make friends with Okinawan neighbors by learning their customs, culture and language from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

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50-CENT BOWLING: Low on cash? Participate in Emery Lanes January "Broke after Christmas" special for 50 cents per game from 8

a.m. to 5 p.m.

CAKE DECORATING: Learn the techniques for mastering the basics of cake decoration from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

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T'AI CHI CH'UAN: For ages 18 and up from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387**. **75-CENT DAY:** Come on down to Emery Lanes between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and

enjoy hot dogs, corn dogs, regular fries, sodas, and games of bowling for just 75 cents

# Wednesday

OKINAWA DANCE: Enhance your stay on Okinawa by learning traditional expressive dance forms unique to the island from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

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RIBS-DAY: Enjoy barbeque ribs with rice and a small garden salad in the Banyan Tree Club Snack Bar for just \$5.95.

# Thursday

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# Jan. 28

GOT YOUR GAME ON?: The Youth Center will host a basketball game at the O'Connor Gym from 7 to 9 p.m. Open to youth ages 9 to 12. The Youth Center will close for this activity.

DJ CLUB: Teens can learn how to DJ with King Freeze and Ja StiKz from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Teen Center.

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# Jan. 29

DIGITAL ARTS CLUB: The Teen Center Millennium has new state-of-the-art equipment and software. Join the Digital Arts Program from 1 to 2 p.m. and prepare for digital arts festivals, which allow members a chance to enter their original works in national competitions. Members can enter in web design, graphic design, photo manipulation, music making, and movie making. Call 634-3866 for more information.

NAGO CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL TOUR: Call ITT at 634-4322. DIGITAL ARTS CLUB: The Teen Cen-

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# Catholic

▲ Monday through Friday: Mass, Chapel 2, noon.
▲ Saturday: Confession, Chapel 2, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Vigil Mass, Chapel 2, 5 p.m. ▲ Sunday: Mass, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.

Mass, Chapel 1, 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

# Protestant

▲ Wednesday: Bible Study, Chapel 2, 7 p.m. ▲ Sunday: Inspirational, Chapel 2, 8:30 a.m

Liturgical, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.
Evangelical, Chapel 1, 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
General Protestant, Chapel 2, 10:30 a.m.
Gospel, Chapel 3, 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school, Bitg, 326 & Bitg, 327, 10:45 am.

▲ Hindu service: Mondays, Chapel 1, noon.

▲ Eastern Orthodox service: call 645-7486

▲ Jewish services: call 637-1027

OF THE TOP STORIES AROUND KADENA & THE AIR FORCE



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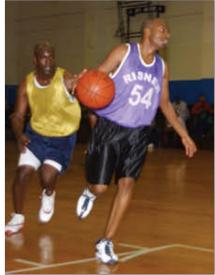
JUMPSHOT: Jonathan Pinkney of the Falcon team, shoots a jumpshot from the baseline against the Osan team in the first round of the Kadena Classic Jan. 14. REVERSELAY UP: Shoichi Noborikawa of the Okinawa City team drives in for a lay up against Patrick Weatherby of the Youngbloodz Jan. 14. The Youngbloodz beat Okinawa City 49-32.



Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister



Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAliste Mark Childs of the Kadena Truth shoots a three-pointer during the final round of the Kadena Classic against the Osan team Jan. 17.



Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister



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LAY UP: Fred McCree of Kadena's Truth team, drives in for a lay up during the final round of the Kadena Classic Basketball Tournament Jan. 17. The Kadena Truth went on to beat the Osan team 74-66 to win the Kadena Classic championship title for the third straight year.

DRIBBLE: Larry Bird of the Aladdin Motors team, drives to the hoop during a game against the Okinawa Heat, The Okinawa Heat went on to win the game 64-30.

# INTRAMURAL **BASKETBALL STANDINGS**

<u>Division I</u>	w	L
18th CMS	2	0
18th AMXS	2	0
18th SFS	2	0
18th SVS	1	1
733rd AMS	1	1
18th CES (A)	1	0
18th CS	1	0
18th EMS (A)	0	1
VP-8	0	1
18th LRS (A)	0	1
18th EMS (B)	0	2
18th CES (C)	0	2
<u>Division II</u>	<u>W</u>	L
18th AMDS/DS	4	0
18th MOS	3	0
961st AACS	2	2
18th OSS	2	2
18th CES (B)	2	1
353rd OSS	2	0
82nd RS	1	2
18th LRS (B)	1	2
390th IS	1	2
18th CES (D)	1	3
18th CONS	0	3
554th RHS	0	2

# **Upcoming games**

# Monday

- 18 AMXS vs. 18 CES (C) 5:30 p.m., Falcon Gym
- 18 CS vs. VP-8
- 6:30 p.m., Falcon Gym
- 18 EMS (A) vs. 18 LRS (A) 7:30 p.m., Falcon Gym 18 CMS vs. 18 CES (A)
  - 8:30 p.m., Falcon Gym

# Tuesday

- 18 MOS vs. 18 AMDS/DS
- 5:30 p.m., Falcon Gym 18 LRS (B) vs. 554 RHS
- 6:30 p.m., Falcon Gym CES (B) vs. 961 AACS
- 7:30 p.m., Falcon Gym
- 18 CES (D) vs. 390 IS
  - 8:30 p.m., Falcon Gym

# Wednesday

- 18 EMS (B) vs. 18 CES (C)
- 5:30 p.m., Falcon Gym 18 AMXS vs. 18 SVS
- 6:30 p.m., Falcon Gym
  - 18 CS vs. 18 SFS
  - 7:30 p.m., Falcon Gym
  - VP-8 vs. 733 AMS
  - 8:30 p.m., Falcon Gym

# Thursday

- 82 RS vs. 353 OSS
  - 5:30 p.m., Falcon Gym
- OSS vs. 18 CONS
- 6:30 p.m., Falcon Gym 18 AMDS vs. 390 IS
- 7:30 p.m., Falcon Gym
- 18 CES (D) vs. 554 RHS 8:30 p.m., Falcon Gym

Standings are current as of Jan.19